THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) : (a) to (c) Representatives of the Government of India and NSCN (I-M) leaders met at Amsterdam on 29th-30th July, 2005 and it was mutually agreed to extend the cease-fire for six months beyond 31st July, 2005.

(d) The economic blockade by All Naga Students' Association, Manipur (ANSAM) on NH-39 and NH-53 has been lifted on 11th August, 2005.

Committees/Commissions appointed by Government

3065. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the Committees and Commissions including their Chairpersons appointed by Government of India between May, 2004 and July, 2005;

(b) have any of them reported back to Government; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY) : (a) and (b) Various Committees and Commissions are set up by the Administrative Ministries of the Government of India and the information is not Centrally maintained. However, no Commission was set up by Ministry of Home Affairs during the period between May, 2004 and July, 2005.

(c) Does not arise.

Appointments on compassionate ground in DCPW

3066. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the widows of employees of Directorate of Co-ordination (Police Wireless) of Ministry of Home Affairs have not been given jobs on compassionate grounds even after six/seven years;

(b) whether gross arbitrariness are committed in giving jobs on compassionate grounds and if not, the criteria followed in each case in giving appointment on compassionate grounds from 1998 till date;

(c) whether Government have received representations from dependents of deceased employees of DCPW for appointment on compassionate grounds; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the appointments are to be given to the said widows?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) to (d) Compassionate appointment can be made only up to 5% of direct recruitment vacancies. No compassionate appointment can be made if there is no vacancy. After 1998, no direct recruitment vacancy has been filled-up in DCPW. Appointment to the dependants of the deceased employees can be offered as per the roster maintained in the DCPW. Representations have been received by the Government for such appointments and directions have been issued to Director, DCPW to provide appointment to the dependents as per the extant rules, after the clearance is received for filling up the direct recruitment vacancies.

Exodus of Israelis into India

†3067. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards exodus of Israeli citizens to India and to settle down in the hilly areas of Himachal Pradesh in quest of peace; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto and the number of Israeli citizens living temporarily in India as per Government's figures and what is their visa period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL) : (a) and (b) All foreigners visiting India on long term visa (more than 180 days) are required to get themselves registered with the concerned Foreigners' Registration Officer (FRO) having jurisdiction in the place where the foreigner intends to stay, within 14 days of their arrival. As per available information, the number of Israeli

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.